

Fulbright Cites Nixon Regrets

Senator Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, suggests that Vice President Nixon had expressed regret to Soviet Premier Khrushchev over the timing of a 1959 "captive nation" resolution passed by Congress.

Senator Fulbright said he had been informed that Mr. Nixon told Mr. Khrushchev "neither he nor the President would deliberately have chosen to have a resolution of this type passed just before his (Mr. Nixon's) visit to the USSR."

"Mr. Nixon added: 'After all, we are not stupid,'" Senator Fulbright said.

The resolution, passed by Congress and signed by President Eisenhower, directed the President to proclaim a "Captive Nations" week to emphasize the plight of peoples behind the Iron Curtain.

Senator Fulbright, who heads the Foreign Relations Committee, made his statements in a letter to Secretary of State Herter renewing his demand for release of the full records of Nixon-Khrushchev conversations in Moscow last year.

Senator Fulbright noted that Mr. Nixon, as the Republican presidential nominee, has criticized Senator Kennedy, his Democratic rival for saying he (Senator Kennedy) might have expressed regrets over the U-2 spy plane incident if that would have saved the summit conference which collapsed last May.

"As you know," Senator Fulbright wrote to Mr. Herter, "there has been considerable emphasis in the campaign thus far that the timing of the U-2 incident was important. Yet, Mr. Nixon apparently has felt that the timing of the captive nations resolution was important."

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